3.	Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance	Member
4.	Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	Member
5.	Shri Suman K. Beri,. Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)	Member

Pipavav Power Project

1334. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Gujarat requested to the Central Government for allocation of 3.15 million cubic metres a day (MSCMD) gas for Pipavav Power Project;

(b) if so, when it was submitted by the State Government; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Gujarat has sent proposal in this regard to Central Government on 02.09.2009.

(c) The entire gas produced from PMT is already committed and is being sold by the Government nominee, *viz.*, GAIL (India) Limited, to various priority sectors customers. As regards gas produced from KG D-6 field, it has been decided that, subject to the availability of gas, necessary allocations from KG D-6 fields will be made to these projects as and when they are ready to commence production.

Gas flare in Assam

1335. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of associated gas produced and volume flared annually during the last three years in Assam indicating value of such gas flared;

(b) the utility pattern of such associated gas including production of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or cooking gas and other petrochemical products;

(c) the present percentage of utilization of the un-flared gas component-wise;

(d) the plan of Government, if any, for productive utilization of this national asset including investment proposals made by his Ministry; and

(e) the quantum of carbon emitted to the environment by the flared gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) The year wise total volume of associated gas produced, Gas flared and the value of flared gas in Assam for the last three years are given below:

Year	Associated Gas Production (MMSCM)	Gas Flared (MMSCM)	Value of Gas Flared (Rs. in crores)
2006-07	1704.45	206.59	38.78
2007-08	1669.72	192.22	36.44
2008-09	6093.63	173.29	30.09

(b) to (d) The associated gas is distributed along with the free gas and no separate record for utilization is maintained for associated gas.

The natural gas produced, after meeting internal requirements for ONGC, OIL and Joint Venture in Amguri Field are mainly sold to GAIL and Assam Gas Corporation Limited. Approximately, 90% of the unflared gas is being utilized with maximum utilization by Power and Fertilizer Sector.

(e) As per calculation, based on the average calorific value of the default emission factor for gas and the International panel on climate change, Assam flared gas *i.e.* 8436 k. cal/SCM the total quantum of carbon emitted to the environment by the flared gas is equivalent to 0.343MMT of CO2 during 2008-09.

Loss suffered in IOC depot at Jaipur

†1336. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total losses suffered in Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) depot fire accident in Jaipur in recent past;

(b) in what manner IOC is going to compensate the losses suffered by the industrial and residential houses situated in the area around the depot; and

(c) whether Government has any concrete action plan to tackle the immediate losses as well as the long term adverse effects on the health of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) It is estimated that petroleum products worth approx. Rs. 191 crore have been lost in the recent fire at IOC Depot in Jaipur. The replacement cost of Depot buildings and machinery is estimated to be over Rs.160 crore. 11 deaths have been confirmed of which 6 are employees of IOC. 7 persons have suffered serious injuries. The blasts in the Depot have damaged the roof, window panes and walls of nearby factories, shopping complex, some residential buildings etc.

(b) and (c) IOC has released an *ad-hoc* relief package amounting to Rs.50 crore to Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) for disbursement to the small and medium industries adversely affected by the fire incident.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.